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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$642.
  - \$162 for 18 total claims over 20.
  - \$480 for 12 independent claims over 3.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1062.

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In response to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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hereby respectfully submits the following:

(1) one (1) check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the  
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(2) a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT canceling claims 1-23 and  
27-38;

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(3) a duplicate copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, as requested in the Notice; and

(4) one (1) check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration, this charge having been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status.

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